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Realistic Fees for Technical Education

1432 MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 67 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th December, 1989 and state:

(a) whether a proposal to charge 'realistic fees' for technical education has been made and accepted by Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The Executive Committee of the All India Council for Technical Education has noted that the present fee structure in technical education institutions is mostly at pre-independence level and needs review. The estimated recurring expenditure for the training of an engineering and diploma holder is of the order of Rs. 12,000/- and Rs. 8,000/- per student per annum respectively. The minimum and desirable non-recurring expenditures required for establishing an engineering college are of the order of Rs. 6.65 crores and Rs. 7.59 crores respectively. The corresponding amounts for establishing a polytechnic are Rs. 3.87 crores and Rs. 4.91 crores respectively. The Commitee was of the view that there is an urgent need to bring fees in technical institutions at a reasonable level so that there is some rational relationship between the fees charged and the actual cost of training. The difficulty, however, is that the paying capacity of an average Indian is limited and if the fees are raised substantially, some loan arrangements to students will have to be made which could be returned over a period of time after they enter into employment. This will give opportunity to meritorious students, and not only to those who can afford to pay more fees. Such arrangements are under consideration.

Progress of District Level Planning

1433. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made so far in the District Level Planning as introduced by Government;

(b) what are the States where the schemes have been implemented so far; and

(c) whether any reports on the achievements under District Level Planning have been received from the States; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b) District Planning bodies have been set up in all States except Arunachal Pradesh and Goa with a view to formulate the District Plans.

(c) Since this is a continuing process, the performance in this regard is discussed every year while deciding the Annual Plans. States have been requested to formulate District Plans so that there is a greater amount of integration of the District Plans with the State Plan.

Montreal Protocol

1434. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the countries which participated in 1987 Montreal Protocol:

(b) what are the details of the discussions held there:

(c) what are the points discussed at the conference held at London in June, 1990; and

(d) India's contribution at the conference and action taken on the recommendation of the deliberations?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) The list of the countries which participated in the Montreal Protocol Conference of 1987, is annexed. (*See* below)

(b) The record of discussions which took place in the 1987 Montreal Protocol Conference is summed up in the document titled "Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the Ozone Layer", copies of which are placed at the Parliament Library for perusal of the Hon'ble Member of Parliament.

(c) A copy of the record of the discussions held at the London Conference in June, 1990 has been placeed at the Parliament Library for perusal by the Hon'ble Member of Parliament.

(d) India played a leading role in voicing the concerns of the developing countries with regard to adjustments and amendments to the Montreal Protocol. In the light of the decisions arrived at the London Conference, the Government is considering the issue of joining the Montreal Protocol.

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Countries which participated in the 1987 Montreal Protocol conference

Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Burkins Faso, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany-Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Korea-Republic of, Lurembourg, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Senegal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela.

Countries which attended the proceedings of the conference as observers:

Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Hungary, India, Kuwait, Poland

AID from world bank for upgradation polytechnique

1435. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to upgrade the polytechnique spread over in various States;

(b) whether any aid had been sought from the World Bank in this regard; and

(c) if so, the quantum of aid received and its distribution, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The World Bank has agreed to provide assistance for a project for upgrading technician (polytechnic) education in the country. For Phase I of the project, the duration of which is 1990-1997, the World Bank assistance will be US 260 million (IDA Credit-US 235 million and IBRD Loan - US 25 million) covering polytechnics approved by AICTE in the States of Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The expenditure proposed to be incurred during the first five years by